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Report of the 2016 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. In its resolution 45/215, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

2. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 7 November 2016.

3. The Conference was opened by the Chief of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch at the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States: Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Australia, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu and Yemen.

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5. The observer for the Holy See and the representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Volunteers and World Food Programme.

C. Election of officers

6. At its meeting on 7 November, the Conference elected, by acclamation, the following officials:

President:
Luke Daunivalu (Fiji)

Vice-President:
Inga Kanchaveli (Georgia)

D. Documentation

7. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/71/63-E/2016/8);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.208/2016/1);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities for 2016, as at 30 June 2016 (A/CONF.208/2016/2 and A/CONF.208/2016/2/Add.1);

(d) Draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.208/2016/L.1);

(e) Background information on programmes and funds for the 2016 Conference.

E. Announcement of pledges

8. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they had proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.